



40

2643

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	<b>Application Number</b>	09/200,631	
	<b>Filing Date</b>	November 30, 1998	
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Curtis L. Ashton	
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2643	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Eng, George	
<b>Total Number of Pages in This Submission</b>	1	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	020366-056900US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form  <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response  <input type="checkbox"/> After Final  <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)  <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request  <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request  <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application  <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)  <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)  <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers  <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition  <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application  <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address  <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer  <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund  <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group  <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences  <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)  <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):  Return Postcard
<b>Remarks</b>		The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 20-1430.
<div style="text-align: right;"><b>RECEIVED</b> <b>OCT 11 2002</b> <b>Technology Center 2600</b></div>		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
<b>Firm and Individual name</b>	Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP Chad E. King Reg. No. 44,187
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	October 3, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: <div style="text-align: right;">October 3, 2002</div>		
<b>Typed or printed name</b>	Maisie C. Livengood	
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b> October 3, 2002

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.  
DE 7083829 v1



#18D  
Sd  
10/11/02

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 020366-056900US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On October 3, 2002

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: Maisie C. Livengood  
Maisie C. Livengood

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Curtis L. Ashton et al.

Application No.: 09/200,631

Filed: November 30, 1998

For: FIBER TO THE CURB AND  
FIBER TO THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD POWER  
ARCHITECTURE

Examiner: Eng, George

Art Unit: 2643

AMENDMENT

**RECEIVED**

OCT 11 2002

Technology Center 2600

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto as Appendix A and a clean version of all pending claims is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A system for powering one or more devices in a fiber optic communication network, which transmits communication data between a telecommunications service provider and a remote user device, the system comprising:

SUB  
DI